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NEBRASKA

Mrs. Wertz Admitted Shooting Husband—Son-in-law Is Convicted

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 14. (U. P.)—Mrs. Milna Wertz, charged with killing her husband, Roy Wertz, December 27, 1922, was found not guilty by a jury in district court here at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The jury deliberated nine and one half hours. Three ballots were taken by the jury, the first being 8 to 4 for acquittal, the second 9 to 3 and the third, 12 for acquittal.

Mrs. Wertz, her daughter and the daughter's husband were indicted jointly for the killing. The son-in-law, tried some months ago, was found guilty and is now serving a life term in the penitentiary at Fort Madison. The daughter has not yet been tried.

The state claimed there was a conspiracy between the three to murder Wertz. At the trial of her son-in-law and again at her trial just ended, Mrs. Wertz testified she did the shooting in self defense and that neither her son-in-law nor her daughter had anything to do with it.

It is believed that the acquittal of Mrs. Wertz may lead to a new trial for the son-in-law or to his pardon.

HAWARDEN MAN IS INJURED AT HURON, S. D.

Hawarden, Ia., Dec. 14. (Special)—Mrs. Gabriel Ellingson was called to Huron, S. D., Tuesday because it had been found necessary to perform an operation on her husband's arm. Mr. Ellingson, while working in the repair shop of the Northwestern railroad at Huron, fell from the top of a car, breaking one leg and his left arm at the elbow. The accident happened last week and he was supposed to be getting along all right.

HOLD SHORT COURSE AT KINGSLEY IN JANUARY.

Kingsley, Ia., Dec. 14. (Special)—At a meeting at American Legion hall, at which there were about 100 persons from town and country present, Mr. Harry C. Oleson was speaker and outlined the proposition to hold a short course in Kingsley January 9 and 10. There will be speakers to speak on matters of vital importance to farmers and business men and the public in general. There will also be demonstrators for the general sessions.

McMASTER'S SUPPORT IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 14. (Special)—As an aftermath of the recent republican state proposal meeting checks have been made of the voting in the convention on the senatorial nomination and it is found that of the convention 119 proposals were voted for Governor W. H. McMaster and 77 for Senator Thomas G. Sterling.

One of the notable things is that Governor McMaster did not get a vote out of the counties in the state where there were large towns with the exception of Hughes county where he got the entire delegation, of Lawrence county, in which are located Lead and Deadwood, where he received one proposal's vote, Brookings county where he received one, Pennington county where he received two and Yankton, which went solid. Minnehaha county, Brown county, Clay county, Codington county, Davison county, in which are located Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Vermillion, Watertown and Mitchell respectively, went solid for Sterling.

Twenty-seven counties in the state went solid for McMaster and fifteen went solid for Sterling. The solid McMaster counties were Bon Homme, Buffalo, Day, Deuel, Dows, Edmunds, Haakon, Hand, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Lincoln, Lyman, McPherson, Meade, Mellette, Miner, Moody, Potter, Sanborn, Stanley, Walworth and Yankton. The Sterling solid counties were Brown, Clay, Codington, Corson, Harding, Hanson, Kingsbury, McCook, Minnehaha, Perkins, Spink, Sully and Zebach.

It is considered exceptional that a candidate should win with the counties containing all the larger cities and with the largest poll vote to court in the meeting going against him and his victory in the convention is due largely to the one and two proposals which he secured from counties where there were split delegations. Ten counties, not giving McMaster a solid vote gave him two proposalmen votes or two-thirds of the poll vote of the county. These counties were Butte, Butte, Campbell, Charles Mix, Faulk, Gregory, Hamlin, Lake, Pennington and Union. The other counties of the state not going solid for one or the other gave two-thirds of their votes to Sterling. The northern tier of counties west of the Missouri river went solid for Sterling. These counties are Harding, Perkins and Corson. To voting over the balance of the state followed no regular line.

ABERDEEN PREACHER CALLED TO CHICAGO.

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 14. (Special)—Rev. Sander Tollefson, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran church here for many years, has tendered his resignation. He expects to accept an offer from Humboldt avenue Bethlehem Lutheran church in Chicago.

LACK OF FUNDS MAY CLOSE SCHOOLS.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Elmer E. Henkle, member of the Lincoln school board says the public schools of this city may have to close about April instead of running through the full term, which ends about the middle of June. He declares this condition was brought about by the action of the last two sessions of the legislature in fixing the laws so that the school board is forbidden to make the tax levy in mills as formerly and limiting the rate.

METEOR FOUND IN BARN RUINS

Confirms Belief That Blaze Was Started When Building Was Struck

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 14. (U. P.)—A fragment of rock 12 inches in diameter, found in the debris of George McEachen's barn near here gave credence to the theory that a falling meteor started the fire that last Sunday night destroyed the barn.

A gang of farmers started work Monday digging in the ruins for the meteor. Late yesterday the bit of volcanic rock was found partly imbedded in the ground under the wreckage.

Wayne state normal college geologists are to examine the rock to determine its origin.

BRYAN MAKES PLEA FOR EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED VETS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—An appeal to business men to employ rehabilitated soldiers of the World war who have been trained in various occupations was made Friday by Governor Bryan.

"No class of men in this state," said the governor, "are more deserving of respectful consideration than these men who were disabled in the World war. These veterans are being trained for service in various occupations in which they will be able to earn a living. It is my understanding that the government promised these men at the beginning of their training period, that employment would be provided them on completion of their course of instruction. I sincerely hope that there will be a ready response to this appeal."

Railroad Puts Embargo on Shipments to Mexico

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14. (U. P.)—The Atchafalaya and Santa Fe railroad Friday put an embargo on shipments of all perishable goods to points in Mexico south of Mazatlan.

The following telegram was received

TEACHERS WHO DANCE MAY BE DISCHARGED.

West Point, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Teachers who dance will promptly be dismissed, according to an action taken by the local board of education. Dancing is an unhealthful diversion, according to the board.

SIoux CITY CONCERN TO BUILD TRANSMISSION LINE.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—The state railway commission has granted the application of the McGraw company of Sioux City for the erection of a transmission line near Dakota City, under the usual regulations as to interference with telephone lines.

HER ADVISERS NOT GOOD ONES

Adams County, Neb., Woman Goes to Supreme Court With Damage Suit

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Mrs. Sarah Merkel Waters has filed appeal from a judgment of Judge Dilworth in Adams county that she had no cause of action against Louis L. Brandt, Barney B. Bruns and Hiram Meester. She asks \$50,000 damages from them. She says that her father, Claxas G. La., died worth \$50,000. She was his only child. For 20 years after she became of age she, at the request of her father, remained at home and operated the farm. Her father refused to pay her anything, and she sued him. She says that the three men named, pretending to be friends got her to dismiss these suits by telling her that her father could not will the property away from her, and presented a signed agreement with him in which he agreed not to disinherit her if she dismissed the suit. She did, but when his will was opened all she received was \$250. She blames her three friends for her loss of the estate, and is trying to hold them liable. The court below said they could not be held even if what she charged is true.

to Firemen's Convention

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—John Martin, former president of the Nebraska State Firemen's association, and Fire Chief Harry S. Morse, both members of the transportation committee of the annual convention at Beatrice next month, Friday announced that they are planning a special train to carry the firemen of northeastern Nebraska to the meeting. The firemen's special, they said, will be made up of special cars with delegations from Fremont, Norfolk, Blair, Tekamah, Columbus and other towns in the vicinity.

CHRISTMAS TREES TO BE SEEN EVERYWHERE.

Spencer, Ia., Dec. 14. (Special)—Spencer's large municipal Christmas tree has been erected in the center of the business district as usual. Smaller trees have been purchased to be placed in front of every business place in the flag sockets.

There are between 200 and 300 registered automobile speed drivers in the United States. Of this number, no more than 30 have gained prominence on the speedways.

THEY TOOK HIS FINGER PRINTS

Prisoner Sought to Outwit Officers by Cutting Ends of His Fingers

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Deliberately lacerating and bruising the ends of his fingers was resorted to by Benjamin Blair, alias Earl Benjamin, 20 years old, held in jail here for carrying concealed weapons.

The young man drew the ends of his fingers back and forth across the steel bars and over the steel bunk. He tore the flesh in a brutal and painful manner, according to the sheriff. Asked about it, Blair declared he had burned his fingers in hot water by accident.

His attempt failed and Condit was able to get a fairly good impression of his fingers.

YEGGS BUSY OVER THE END OF THE WEEK

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 14. (U. P.)—Yeggs over the weekend entered three business establishments here, cracking one safe and escaped with \$1,200. Entering the sales rooms of the Likely luggage company, yeggs knocked the combination from the safe and removed currency amounting to \$1,200. Thieves also broke into a shoe shining parlor in East Des Moines and secured \$100 from the cash register. A third attempt at robbery was made in the office of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co. The combination on the safe was broken but no valuables secured.

NORFOLK HAS MILES OF PAVED STREETS

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 17. (Special)—With the completion of 26 blocks of new pavement, this city now has over 16 miles of paved streets, the approximate cost being over \$1,000,000. Part of the new pavement connects with the new gravel project on the Meridian highway which is to be graveled all the way to Madison by next summer.

RAISE SILVER FOXES IN IOWA

Company Organized At Peterson, Ia., To Conduct the Business

Spencer, Ia., Dec. 14. (Special)—Clay county now has an accredited fox farm, at Peterson with an organized company consisting of A. O. Anderson, president, and R. E. Anderson, secretary, to run it. The farm will start with five mated pairs of silver foxes, all registered by the Silver Black Fox association of the United States. These animals were entered at the National Silver Black Fox show at Milwaukee, and scored high. The demand for the fur at high prices is never satisfied, and a large profit is made in selling mated pairs for breeding purposes.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FOR THREE NIGHTS

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 17. (Special)—Various clubs will have a Community Christmas tree, for three nights this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. There will be special music and appropriate programs for each evening. There will be treats for all.

PUBLIC DANCES IN BAD FAVOR AT WINSIDE

Winside, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Public dances have been prohibited in this town by order of the city council. The ban was placed because of misbehavior on the part of dancers at the last few balls given in the Jewell theater. From now on, special licenses must be secured for each dance.

BOY IS UNDER CLOSE WATCH

Has Developed Tendency to Do Harm to Others Since Accident

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—The state welfare bureau has placed 11-year-old Forest Fisher under the observation of a surgeon. Following an injury in an automobile accident and his recovery from his hurts he has displayed a homicidal mania. His father is a truck driver and has not been able to give him proper surgical attention. He nearly choked a smaller brother to death, attacked a playmate and tried to use a butcher knife on members of the family.

According to reports from Paris, the short skirt is to come back into fashion in this country again in a few months. Eight inches from the ground is expected to be the fashionable length for skirts soon.

MANUFACTURERS AND FARMERS TO MEET.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Representatives of agriculture and manufacturers are here for the opening session of the third farmers-manufacturers conference which is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday under the auspices of middle-west foreign trade committee of which Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio is chairman.

HOLDUP JOKER IS NOT GUILTY

Norfolk Man, Once Convicted, is Finally Given His Freedom

Madison, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Price Carrico, of Norfolk, was acquitted here after a two hours deliberation by the jury, of a charge of highway robbery.

Carrico had been charged with holding up Earl Reed, a brakeman, in the south Norfolk yards. In the first trial he was found guilty and the higher court granted a new trial. Carrico declared the entire holdup had been a joke and that he and Frank Flesner were playing a prank on a friend to frighten him.

RACING ON BLIND ROAD FOUND DANGEROUS.

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Four men had a narrow escape from death during the night. Thinking they were on a street which lead into the northbound road going from Columbus, Neb., to Creston they started out full speed. But they were driving north on a street which crosses a main road north of the city and ends abruptly against an embankment. The car crashed head on into the hill. The hood literally burying itself in the dirt. Passing automobilists saw the four men lying asleep in the car. Chief of Police Jack Lehmann was notified and went at once to the scene. He searched the car for liquor failed to find any or scent any. He awakened the men. They said they had decided it was too far back to town to get a service car and decided to sleep the night out. They were permitted to continue the snooze.

LINCOLN TO VOTE ON CITY MANAGER PLAN.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Lincoln voters are to pass, at the primary election in April, on a proposed new form of governments. The plan as tentatively arranged is for the election of six councilmen and a mayor, all to serve without pay, an expert being employed for the head of each department. The council will act only as a legislative body and the members will be elected for six years. An alternative plan proposed is a city manager with 15 members of an unpaid council.

THEATER MAN TO TEST LAW

Holds Child Labor Statute Should Not Affect Showing of Talent

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Harry A. Taylor, a moving picture theater owner of Omaha, has filed a test case in the supreme court to determine whether it is unlawful to allow his stage to be used now and then by talented children whose parents beseech him for a chance to let them show their cuteness in public. He was fined \$5 and costs in Omaha, for a violation of the child labor law that prohibits children under 14 from being employed or allowed to perform in a theater. He says that outside of Lincoln and Omaha this is a burning question as there is no other place for the talented children to show off than in the moving picture house. He says that the seven girls he allowed to dance in his theater were not paid anything, and, therefore could not have been employed.

BONDS CONTINUE TO FLOOD THE STATE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—The flood of improvement bonds continues in spite of the movement for lower taxes. There were presented for registration today \$22,400 of interest paying bonds issued by the city of Beatrice and bought by the state; sewer bonds totaling \$14,000 by the village of Burwell; \$14,364 refunding bonds issued by Greeley Center, and \$7,366 of sewer bonds issued by the town of Bellevue. The latter were refused registration because the legal limit would thereby be exceeded.

IS PROBABLY FATALLY SHOT BY WOMAN

McCook, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—James Huett, a farmer living near McCook, is lying in a critical condition at a hospital here, and Mrs. Lem Roberts is in the county jail of Red Willow, charged with inflicting wounds which may result fatally. Huett entered an automobile repair shop and it is alleged was followed by Mrs. Roberts, who carried a revolver and fired at him at close range, the bullet entering his breast over the heart. Otto Unger, a bystander, says he heard Mrs. Roberts say something about Huett breaking up her home. She surrendered to Sheriff McClain and was placed in jail. Hospital authorities say Huett's condition is critical. He is a married man and the father of several children.

CATHOLIC WOMEN RAISE \$2,000 AT BAZAAR

Newcastle, Neb., Dec. 14. (Special)—Nearly \$2,000 was raised by the women of St. Peter's Catholic church here through a two day bazaar. Fifty head of hogs, donated by farmers of the vicinity were shipped to the Sioux City market and brought good prices.

Production of potatoes this year in Germany is estimated by the International Agricultural Institute at 31,000,000 tons, and of sugar beets at 8,400,000 tons, compared with 40,000,000 tons of potatoes and 10,000 tons of sugar beets in 1922.

Even Before World War France Had Largest Per Capita Debt in World

From the Chicago Journal of Commerce.
John F. Sinclair, an investment banker and a lecturer in law at the University of Minnesota, after five months in Europe, is writing a series of articles on "The A B C of the Entire European Situation." In his first production he states some remarkable facts about French finances. He says that when war broke out in 1914 the Government of France, with one-third the population of the United States, owed more money than the governments of Germany, the United States, Great Britain, Greece, Sweden, Norway Rumania and Serbia combined! She had "the largest government debt per capita in the world," \$166 for every man, woman and child in her country.

Between 1871 and 1914 her public debt increased from \$2,500,000,000 to \$6,200,000,000. During the war, in which she spent \$21,677,000,000 she raised by taxation to pay this huge indebtedness only \$21,000,000. While the United States was raising an average of \$28.75 from each individual, and Great Britain \$35.94, annually during the war France was raising exactly twelve cents from each individual.

Truly France was struggling for life, pouring out her blood to resist invasion at any cost; taking little time or thought for future indebtedness. And since the war ended she has increased her indebtedness from \$28,000,000,000 to the prodigious sum of sixty billion dollars. This year, with a larger army than any other country has ever had in modern times, Mr. Sinclair says she is spending forty-five billion francs and raising only about twenty-two billion francs in revenue.

The casual reader has long known that Frenchmen have been less heavily taxed than other people, but these figures enable one to appreciate the fact keenly. Who has realized that during the war the individual Briton was being taxed \$35.94 annually, while the individual Frenchman was being taxed twelve cents?

Obviously France was prosecuting the war on an unsound economic basis. She knew it, and all that kept her going was the sublime faith of the average Frenchman that France would whip Germany and would then collect enough to pay all of France's bonded indebtedness and a heavy punitive sum besides. Now that the French debt has been increased to sixty billion dollars, is it any wonder that the Frenchman is appalled at the thought of paying off that gigantic sum in taxes?

We may not approve France's invasion of the Ruhr and her entire course in the reparations controversy, but these figures enable us to realize why France insists that she must have the reparations.

NEVER BEATEN

Bliss Perry.
In all the encounters that have yet chanced, I have not been beaten for that particular occasion, and have been historically beaten, and yet I know all the time that I have never been beaten; have never yet fought, shall certainly fight when my hour comes, and shall beat." Emerson wrote that in a prose essay, but he never wrote more like a poet, for he wrote with the long view. Victor Hugo, uttering strange prophecies before the Peace Convention in Brussels in 1848, and Whittier, celebrating that convention in a poem about
The great hope resting on the truth of God.
were, if you like, historically beaten. But the chief question is, after seventy years, were Hugo and Whittier right or wrong? If we think them right, were they ever really beaten?

It Was Her Smile.
It was her smile that fixed an idle thought
Of sunbeams dancing on a white caped sea,
Of red winged sampanis swinging full and free,
Of spanking trades and mighty braces taut.
Of purple depths with snapping dogfish fraught.
And verdant shadows in an island lee,
Of coral reef and swaying copra-tree,
I dreamed the while her flashing smile I caught.
It had the languor of a southern air,
The thrill of youth that simple grandeur hold,
A hint of song and rising passion's flare.
And sunbursts when the robes of night unfold;
It flung windward shades of earthly care
And sweet suggestion made of love untold.
—David Powe, in The Neptune Log.

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

Labor may rule the British empire. Lloyd George says labor has the right to show what it can do. It won the recent election.
Ramsay, MacDonald, head of the labor party, would be prime minister. He tells of labor party plans.

First, it would tax wealth, not the income that is only child's play. It would take a piece out of every fortune above \$25,000, the bigger the fortune, the bigger the piece taken. Small fortunes would lose one per cent. of principal, big fortunes 50 per cent. Two or three men in America would lose in one lump hundreds of millions, if we had that here. The capital tax will be taken gradually, to avoid destroying values by forced sales. That is something for our big men to think about, prayerfully.

Whether the experiment would work well, no one can say. The nomadic Tartars, driving cattle with them, cut pieces off the living animals, as they went along. That was a capital tax on the animals but not good for cattle in the long run.

If Labor came to power it would avoid many things that it now plans and tolerate many things it now hates. To run a nation, and keep the complicated machine going is not easy. It is especially dangerous to interfere, prematurely with selfishness, which stimulates energy and accomplishment.

George Beaupaire, neg., is a leper, accused of murder. He must appear in court for trial and there is danger of contagion. Surgeon General Cumming, of the U. S. public health service, offers to provide a glass cage, to hold the leper murderer in court. Electrical devices will make it possible for him to hear and be heard, from inside his glass cage, as his trial progresses.

FOR YOUNG MEN

I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong—I John 2:14.
I cherish the conviction that young men are really human beings.
They are not a distinct species.
They belong to the human race, and are entitled to be humanly treated.
The best life for them is not separate and artificial, but natural, simple, active, full of vigorous exercise for mind and body.
The right education for them is not that of the cloister, in which they are divided from the world, but that of the home, the school, the university, the camp, the workshop, the athletic field, the market place, where liberty is joined to responsibility, and where they are taught to feel that they belong to the world and are trained to play a noble part in it.
The true religion to guide them in this education, and fit them for this life, is not something novel and peculiar, specially devised for young men, but simply the plain religion of Christ, which is good for everybody, or every age and condition, and for all alike.
But there is one thing in which young men, if not singular, are at least pre-eminent.
They love straight speech and plain talk.
They have a fine impatience of all mere formalities and roundabout expressions.
Therefore, those who preach to young men should not use a theological dialect, but the English language, clear and strong.

Reaction on Paternalism.

From the Indianapolis News.
At a recent meeting of the Sentinels of the Republic a resolution was adopted opposing federal aid legislation generally on the ground that it is "unconstitutional, uneconomic and unmoral." Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, went further, and pointed out what he believed to be its demoralizing effect on the people. The multiplication of bureaus, he said, "shows we are leaning too much on the government," and he added: "If our forefathers did not make enough money, they worked harder, and did not run to the government for a bonus. The American stock is changing. It is an undoubted fact that many people look to the government as an agency to 'do something for them,' and even to support them, in whole or in part. Yet these people wonder why it is that the cost of government should be so high and taxes so burdensome. The strongest people, and those best fitted for self-government, are those who are able and willing to take care of themselves—who would resent the thought of being taken care of out of taxes. Such were the 'forefathers' of whom Senator Reed spoke, such were Americans no long time ago, such one must have faith to believe they will one day be again.

Style.

From the Philadelphia Record.
Milly—"That girl has wonderful style."
Billy—"Style? Huh! She always looks to me as though she had dressed in about two minutes."

Milly—"Exactly." It takes her hours to get that effect."

Forever.

From the American Legion Weekly.
"What in the world is the matter? What are you laughing at?" demanded Mrs. Brown of her husband who was reading the evening paper.
"This inspired editor has printed the wedding announcements under the 'Lost' heading."

Grave Error.

From the Chicago News.
"I don't know what to do about that man. His ill-will would hurt me in my business. He had his wife at my house the other night. While the ladies were chatting I sneaked him into the pantry to sample something of my own manufacture. In the confusion I gave him a big drink of varnish."

"And it knocked him out, huh?"
"No, that isn't the trouble. He smacked his lips over it. Now he keeps bothering me for the recipe."

Three hundred silver coins were found a few days ago near Stavanger, Norway. They were chiefly English coins of the eleventh century.